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WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER-FOR-HIRE CONSPIRACY

An indictment¹ charging Marissa Mark with hiring a hit man to commit a murder, and paying for the service using stolen credit cards, was unsealed today following the defendant's arrest, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. According to the indictment, in September 2006, Mark, who was living in Allentown, PA at the time, visited the website hitmanforhire.com seeking a hitman to kill "A.L.R." by shooting "A.L.R." in the head. She allegedly contracted a person to complete the job for the sum of \$37,000. To pay for those services, the indictment alleges that Mark used three stolen credit card accounts belonging to other people and made payments to the hitman using Paypal. Mark was arrested this morning at her current residence in Jersey City, NJ, and had an initial appearance in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The target of Mark's alleged plot was not physically harmed.

Mark is charged with conspiracy to use interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire, use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire, three counts of aggravated identity theft, attempted access device fraud, and aiding and abetting.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH |
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| Marissa Mark | Jersey City, NJ Allentown, PA | 28 |

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 56 years imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum sentence of 2 years.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arlene Fisk.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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